

House Resolution 1174

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending United States Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, the nation of Haiti was devastated by an earthquake that
4 resulted in a disaster of historic proportions; and

5 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands have lost their lives, millions have been left homeless,
6 and that fragile nation's road to recovery will take years; and

7 WHEREAS, in the wake of one of the Western Hemisphere's most devastating natural
8 disasters, United States Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano
9 announced the designation of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian nationals who were in
10 the United States as of January 12, 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, this designation will allow eligible Haitian nationals in the United States to
12 continue living and working in this country for the next 18 months; and

13 WHEREAS, Haitian nationals need to continue to work legally in the United States while
14 rescue and reconstruction efforts proceed in their homeland; and

15 WHEREAS, as the international community rallies along with the United States government
16 to bring aid to the nation of Haiti, the thoughts, prayers, and sympathies of this body are with
17 the people of Haiti; and

18 WHEREAS, this administration's decision to support Haiti's recovery by providing a
19 temporary refuge for Haitian nationals who are currently in the United States is worthy of
20 recognition.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body commend the United States Department of Homeland Security and
23 its Secretary, Janet Napolitano, on its decision to grant Temporary Protected Status to Haitian
24 nationals, thereby providing an additional important measure in the relief effort.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the public and
27 the press.